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## FARMERS TAKE STRONG STAND

State Beet Growers Organization Formed at Saginaw this Week.

## INSIST ON \$8.00 FOR BEETS

Looks as if War Would Be Fought Between the Factory Heads and the Growers.

Eight dollars a ton for sugar beets or no acreage this coming year is a problem that is being put up to the Michigan sugar companies by the Michigan Beet Growers' Association formed in Saginaw on Tuesday of this week.

The meeting was called by the Michigan State Grange and was attended by beet growers from all sections of the state, and with the organization of the association Tuesday the members pledged themselves not to take beet contracts for 1917 acreage until the companies meet their terms.

That the action taken by the Michigan beet growers on Tuesday at Saginaw will mean a war between the Michigan sugar companies and the growers of the state is taken as a certainty. It has been said at times by various sugar men that the companies could not pay such a sum for beets on a flat rate as in an ordinary year the factories would lose money. It is expected that the sugar companies of the state will insist that the \$6.00 rate with the sliding scale is the best that they can do.

The association at the Tuesday meeting appointed a committee to confer with the Michigan sugar companies to secure a better contract, if possible, and to take care of the interests of the growers.

In case the growers and the Michigan sugar beet companies do not reach an agreement the committee is to investigate the advisability of associations entering into the manufacturing business and the erecting of co-operative sugar plants.

It seems that the growers are out to enforce their demands, if such a thing is possible, and have endeavored to impress upon the minds of the farmers the need for all of them sticking together, if favorable results were to be reached.

## MISINFORMED

Record Story Not Exactly Right is Said.

The Record was somewhat misinformed as to the accident resulting in injuries to Miss Bertha McLaren at the Union station on the afternoon of Christmas Day and will be glad to give a correct account of the occurrence.

Miss McLaren had not been across the track for a drink or for any other purpose, but was just arriving at the station from her home with her sister, Miss Annette McLaren, who was about to board the train. The platform was crowded with the usual Christmas crowd of passengers and baggage. Just as the young ladies were walking down the platform, a man started hauling a large baggage truck down toward the east and apparently not seeing Miss Bertha McLaren, hauled it so as to crowd her, too closely to the track, and some protruding portion of the engine of the incoming Ann Arbor train struck her in the head, whirling her completely around and throwing her violently to the station platform. Several men rushed to her assistance, carrying her into the waiting room, where her sister was at the ticket window—having gone ahead to purchase her ticket and not having seen the accident occur. Among those first to reach Miss McLaren was Robert Cook who, after informing her sister, carried her to the Brainerd hospital, where she was at once examined and found to have sustained an abrasion of the scalp, a badly bruised hip, sprained foot and severely wrenched neck besides other small injuries, and a severe shock to her nerves.

Miss McLaren remained at the hospital until Friday afternoon when she was removed to her home much improved but still suffering from her injuries.

Miss McLaren saw a young lady running across the tracks from the south, shortly before the accident, and this probably caused some stranger to think she was the one who was struck by the train.

## MAY BE FORCED TO CANCEL

Coach Harry Helmer of the Alma college basketball team seems to be up against it for the Olivet college game scheduled for here January 19th. The Alma high school gymnasium has been secured by the democrats for that night and hence cannot be used. A musical is scheduled for the college chapel that evening, and the noise from a game in the college gymnasium would spoil the musical. If Helmer cancels the game Alma must forfeit and lose her title chances. Just now Helmer is wondering what can be done. He is endeavoring to get the date switched to Thursday night but chances are that Olivet will refuse.

## MRS. LOVELAND DEAD

Highly Respected Alma Resident for Many Years.

Mrs. S. H. Loveland of this city died at her home on Mechanic street last week Saturday at the age of 78 years, death coming after a long illness.

Eusebia Barrett was born in Ridge-way, New York, in 1838 and at an early age moved with her parents to southern Michigan. Shortly after this she moved with her parents to Mt. Pleasant, where she resided for some years.

Twenty-nine years ago she was united in marriage to S. H. Loveland, a well known resident of this city, and since that time has made Alma her home. All of her life she has been a strong member of the Baptist church and a tender in church work, which gained for her a large circle of friends.

She is survived by three children—Elmer Roop, Melvin Roop of Mt. Pleasant, and Alta M. Adams of Grand Rapids.

The funeral was held from the late home on Tuesday of this week, Rev. Priest of the Baptist church officiating. Interment was made in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

## WELL KNOWN COLLEGE GRADUATE MARRIED

Alexander Duncanson, Famous Alma Athlete, Married to a Mt. Pleasant Lady.

Saturday, at noon, the wedding ceremony of two of Mt. Pleasant's popular young people was solemnized, Miss Ruth Van Leuven and Mr. Alexander J. Duncanson were the ones made happy on this occasion.

The ceremony was at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elton J. Van Leuven, before the immediate families of the bride and groom. Rev. R. H. Bradford of Lapeer, Michigan, a personal friend of the groom, was the officiating minister.

The bride and groom were attended by Mr. Clarence Goodrich of Ithaca, as groomsmen, and Miss Edith Mansell as bridesmaid.

The bride was gowned in white chamoisee and carried a bouquet. Simplicity marked the affair throughout. The decorations in the living room in which the ceremony took place were in pink and green and in the dining room Christmas colors were in evidence.

The bride has always lived in Mt. Pleasant and is admired by all who know her. She is accomplished in music and possesses much dramatic ability, but her chief charm lies in a sweet and agreeable personality which makes friends for her wherever she may be. She is a graduate of the city schools and of the Normal and attended the Oberlin Conservatory of Music last year.

Mr. Duncanson (commonly known to his many friends as "Sandy") is principal of the Mt. Pleasant city schools—Mt. Pleasant Times, Dec. 28.

Mr. Duncanson graduated from Alma college with the class of 1910. During his college career at Alma he proved to be the best twirler that the Maroon and Cream ever had. Later he attended Columbia University and has since taught at Ithaca and Mt. Pleasant. He is located at Mt. Pleasant at the present time.

## LOCAL CONTEST

Local Oratorical Contest at College Friday.

Friday evening the local Alma college oratorical contest will be held in the Alma college chapel, and it is expected that a well contested meeting will result, among the men who are out for the honor at Alma's representative to the Michigan state oratorical contest to be held in March.

The oratorical contest will be held after the basketball game is over, which will be early, the game having been called for 7:00 o'clock. It is expected that the game will be over by 8:00 and the oratorical contest will start as soon after that as possible.

Seven men will be in the men's contest which will be held tomorrow night, three from each of the two literary societies. The seventh contestant is a member of neither of the organizations.

The girls contest to select the representative will be held next week Wednesday evening in the Alma college chapel. The winner of the girls contest will represent Alma college at the state contest. Five or six young ladies of the college will enter this contest, all aspiring to represent Alma at the state contest.

## WANTED A FLAG.

Our attention has been called to the old tattered flag, which is now flying over the local post office, and which has been flying for some years. It has been flying above the post office until now it is but a tattered remnant of the former glorious banner that waved there, delighting the eye, as its bright colors reflected in the sunlight.

It has done service for years, and now it seems that this tattered old flag should be replaced by a new one.

Edward Brehm of Cadillac was an Alma visitor on Tuesday of this week.

## JOHN EVERDEN PASSED AWAY

Well Known Gratiot Politician Died at Ithaca Last Week.

## HELD MANY COUNTY OFFICES

Once Judge of Probate, Three Times Elected Prosecutor, President of Ithaca.

John M. Everden, for years a strong politician in Gratiot county, and holder of many county political offices, died at his home in Ithaca last week Saturday morning at the age of 65 years, bringing to a close a life that had been spent in the service to the people of Gratiot county.

Mr. Everden is perhaps best known as a former prosecuting attorney of the county, having been elected to this office three times, 1906, 1908 and 1912. Earlier he held the offices of judge of probate, president of the village of Ithaca, etc., all of which he filled with credit to himself and those who had elected him.



JOHN M. EVERDEN

John M. Everden was born in Ingham county, October 5, 1852, and in 1855 he moved with his parents to Emerson township, Gratiot county. At the age of 18 years he started teaching school and at the age of 21 was elected township superintendent of schools. He was elected supervisor for Emerson township in 1877, 1878 and 1881.

In 1883 he was married to Miss Jennie E. Van Buskirk, the wedding taking place in Saginaw, April 19th. He moved with his wife to Ithaca in 1885, in which place his wife passed away in 1891. He was married a second time in 1895 to Frances Greenwood Husted of Buffalo, and to this union two children were born, Angie, who died in infancy, and Edith, born in 1899.

John M. Everden served the village of Ithaca six terms as a member of the council, three terms as president of the village and four terms as village attorney.

When he moved to Ithaca Mr. Everden started the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1887. In 1888 he was elected as a circuit court commissioner, but resigned before his term expired. In 1892 he ran for judge of probate and was elected. He was unanimously re-nominated by the republicans in 1896, but was defeated when the free silver landslide carried the democrats into the county offices. In 1906 he was elected prosecuting attorney and in 1908 was re-elected to the same office, and at this time carried every voting precinct in the county. In 1912 he was again a candidate for the same office and was again elected, but resigned before his term expired, because of ill health.

## SECURED GYMNASIUM

Democrats Will Hold Banquet in High School Here.

Further steps in the work of preparing for the big banquet to be held by the democrats of Gratiot county Friday evening, January 19th, have been taken, and it is certain now that the big love feast of the followers of Wilson will be held in the gymnasium of the Alma high school building.

It is the largest room obtainable, and with the expectations of a big crowd, it was thought advisable to secure this place, which has been used in the past for similar gatherings.

A fine list of attractions are being billed for the big night of democracy in Gratiot county, and the banquets are certain of a plentiful supply of oratory, from well known speakers of that party. The Record hopes to be able to give the complete list of speakers next week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reemtsma and daughters, Ruth, Faith and Nancy, arrived in Alma last Saturday from their former home in Des Moines, Iowa, and have secured temporary quarters at 416 Maple avenue. Mr. Reemtsma informs us that he will build a home here as soon as possible.

## NEW AGENT HERE

Brown City Man is Appointed P. M. Freight Agent.

Carl Milliken, who has been the Pere Marquette freight agent at Brown City for the past few years, accepted the position as agent for the Pere Marquette here last week and is now on the job.

Reports from Brown City are to the effect that Mr. Milliken is a pushy and a good business man. A thorough gentleman and accommodating in every possible way, his record at Brown City was one that merited the promotion, which has been given him by the company.

At the local freight offices Mr. Milliken will be working under much more favorable laboring conditions as far as offices and help are concerned, and should prove a capable man for the Pere Marquette here in Alma.

He arrived here last week and is now in charge of the local office.

## JOSEPH FORDNEY OUT

FOR U. S. SENATOR

William Alden Doesn't Run the Congressman From This District Will Make Race.

What has been suspected for some time became a certainty the first of the week with the announcement at Lansing that Congressman Joseph W. Fordney, representative from this district, will be a candidate for United States senator in 1918 to succeed Senator William Alden Smith.

The Saginaw man, who is the ranking republican member of the ways and means committee, is in point of service the oldest congressman from Michigan, and with a good record behind him in congress is the logical man to succeed the Hon. William Alden Smith. He has been one of the leading exponents of protection in the lower house of congress.

His entry into the race for United States senator from Michigan is being hailed with delight throughout this district, where Fordney's work has been known.

It is almost a certainty that the candidacy of Fordney for the United States senatorship will bring out William Smith of St. Johns for the race for congressman from this district to succeed Joseph W. Fordney.

## GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

The holidays are past, and amid the excitement and pleasure of the season, we hope you have not forgotten, dear reader, that the Sunday schools of Gratiot bid you welcome to their several places of meeting on the second Sunday of the new year, January 14, 1917. You are writing the new date on your letters, why not turn over a new leaf and write this resolution on the top of it, "I am determined to remember the teachings of my mother and the impressions of my youth, and begin to go to Sunday school. I'm going this once anyway, and see if the church and Sunday school have kept pace with the progress of the years. I'm going to try this once, at least, to see if my church friends mean what they say when they invite me to become one of them. They don't act very enthusiastic, but I'll try 'em this once."

Maybe you are one of those who have not been to Sunday school since you were a child. Maybe the passing of the years has caused you to forget the importance of it to yourself and family. If so, begin January 14th, and renew the ideals of childhood. Let the Sunday school folks know you appreciate what they are trying to do for the youth of your community.

If your Sunday school, Mr. Superintendent, has not begun work to help secure a large attendance on January 14th, begin now. Don't wait for further urging from without, but get busy on the program.

1. Have classes make a list of those who do not attend Sunday school.

2. Send invitation to each to attend.

3. Special program.

4. Talk it, push it, pray for it.

Yours faithfully,

M. G. SKINNER, Sec'y.

## WANTED

A young single man, of good habits, sober, industrious, honest and able bodied; one that has had some experience in farming. He must be a "live wire" and capable of doing things at the right time. Must have some capital. I will give him a good home and a share of the crops, and a good chance to make some money for himself.

If you know yourself and think you can fill these requirements, come and see me, and we will talk it over. This will not appear again.

WILLARD ROBBINS,

Two and a half miles west of Sumner. (72-11-p)

## NEW CONCERN

Gratiot county is to have another industry in the near future, this being the Ithaca Sanitary Bottling Works, which will enter the soft drink field. The company expects to be ready for business about April 1st. The machinery and stock necessary for such business have been purchased, and will be installed as soon as it arrives.

## ALLEN CHARGED WITH FORGERY

Warrant Has Been Issued Charging an Alma Man With Offense.

## OFFICERS SEEKING C. ALLEN

He Left Alma Before Warrants Had Been Issued and Has Not Been Located.

Clyde Allen, insurance agent, is wanted here badly by numerous parties, wanted so badly that warrants charging him with forgery have been issued and officers are now looking for the young man.

It seems that forgery is not the only thing which may sooner or later be charged against the young man, who has been hanging around the city for some months past. Several parties here claim to have been stung by Allen, at sometime or other, with insurance, bank checks and the like.

The first time that Allen seemed to have taken a little flyer was in October, when a warrant was issued charging him with jumping a livery bill. At this time Allen was up before Justice Mann, and for various reasons was given a chance to straighten out the livery bill and make good.

A short time ago a purchase was made at one of the stores here, and a check was given in payment. With no money in either bank the owner of store did not quite get Allen's idea of giving him a check and running across him on the street told him to settle up in a hurry, which Allen did. The same thing happened with another party, and Allen took up the check.

Of late bad checks have been passed, it is said, on several local business houses, and from bad checks it is claimed that Allen started handing out checks with forged names. It is said that a couple of these were handed out.

Allen left Alma a little over a week ago, and left in a hurry. It is believed that he will be located in Saginaw, Flint or Lansing.

## ASKS REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Ora Fred Cooley, of Pine River township, has filed complaint with Ferris, asking for the removal from office of Circuit Judge Kelly S. Searles, Judge of Probate J. Lee Potts, Prosecutor O. L. Smith, County Clerk Case and Court Stenographer B. L. Caldwell for their acts in a case of Katherine Keller vs. Ora Fred Cooley and Lora J. Cooley, involving the title to forty acres of land in Pine River.

Cooley complains that he had made a deal in good faith with Mr. and Mrs. Keller for the trade of a house and lot and money payments for the farm in question and that after three payments had been made suit was started against him.

Just how much Cooley has been damaged by the acts of the various officials he wants removed we do not know of course, nor how he was damaged, unless it was through an adverse court ruling. It appears like a good joke, which possibly it is.

Upon investigation the governor refused to have anything to do with the matter, exonerating the Gratiot officials in every respect.

## AVOLIN CHURCH DEAD

Prominent Arcadia Township Farmer Died December 31, 1916.

Avolin Church, a highly respected farmer living south of Alma, passed away at his home Sunday, December 31, 1916, at the age of 63 years, death being due to cancer.

Avolin Church was born in Wheatland township, Hillsdale county, December 22, 1853, the son of Lafayette and Sophronia Church. When he was a year old he came to Gratiot county with his parents. They settled in Arcadia township, where he was brought up and educated until 17 years of age, when he attended college and then traveled for a couple of years. He was married in 1877 to Miss Carrie Nelson, who died two years later. In 1880 he married again to Miss Julia Fitzgerald of St. Louis. Shortly after his marriage he bought a farm in Arcadia township, where he has since lived.

Mr. Church is survived by his wife and two children.

The funeral services were held from the farm home in Arcadia, township on Wednesday afternoon of this week.

## THEY PRACTICE SOME

The members of the Republic band are undergoing a big session for the next fifteen days in preparation for the trip which they will take the latter part of this month. For the next fifteen days the band will practice five hours a day, in the I. O. O. F. hall. When the band leaves here about the 20th of the month to play the automobile shows, it will be ready to compete with the best bands in the country.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Farrough, a son, December 29, 1916.

## DRAWING WELL

Protracted Meeting at M. E. Church Getting Big Crowds.

The series of protracted evangelistic meetings which are being held at the Methodist Episcopal church, under the direction of Rev. Hugh Smith and Rev. Thomas G. R. Brownlow, are attracting crowds every night.

Rev. Hugh Smith is putting vim and fighting force into the series of meetings and they are catching Alma people, judging from the way the church is crowded every evening. Not a single night has gone by so far but what the co-workers in the campaign, which will continue for two more weeks, have had a number of converts.

## OPEN NEW STORE

C. G. Finley & Son have moved from Breckenridge to this city and on Saturday of this week will open a new store in the Redman block on East Superior street. The new firm will carry a complete line of wearing apparel for men, women and children, dressing them up and down, from head to feet. These men have been in business in Breckenridge for some time and come to Alma highly recommended as able business men.

## OPEN SEASON WITH ADRIAN COLLEGE

Alma College Basketball Team Ready for Hard Game With Adrian Friday.

The Alma college basketball team will open the 1917 basketball season Friday evening, meeting Adrian college in the first M. I. A. A. bout to be staged.

Adrian is reported as unusually strong this year and will make Helmer's men go the limit for a victory. The Adrianites are conceded to be in the title race, and not having had a foot ball team, much more practice for basketball has been had by the Adrian quintet than by the Alma team.

Helmer has the promise of a speedy court team, and one that should be a contender for the basketball title. While the fans are looking for Helmer's men to win a victory for Helmer's men is by no means certain. A hard fight will result before Alma takes the game.

It is expected that Malcolm Smith and Fletcher Gallagher will start at the forwards, with Holihan and Captain Richards at the guards. French will probably start at center. Others who may get into the game are Melvin, A. Foote and E. Foote.

## NEW CORPORATION

January 1, 1917, the Record passed into the hands of the Alma Record Publishing Company, a new corporation being formed. No change will be made in the present management and will continue as heretofore. Many improvements will be made in the Record equipment, not only in the newspaper but job department new type and material being added, making the Record one of the best equipped newspaper and job plants in the state, thoroughly in keeping with Alma and its progressive business enterprise.

The present management wishes to thank its patrons for their liberal patronage and ask for a continuance for the new company.

## DEATH OF DOROTHY GRIFFITH

Little Dorothy Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Griffith, passed away at Brainerd's hospital on December 20th, at 7:30 p. m., after a week's illness of appendicitis. All was done that loving hands could do, but Jesus called her home. Her little schoolmates all attended the funeral at the Emerson Baptist church, which was conducted by Rev. Priest. She was surrounded by beautiful flowers from her many friends and neighbors. Her Christmas dolly that she loved so well was buried with her. Mabel Dill, Hazel Healey, Helen Foster and Amy Presler carried her to her last resting place at St. Louis. She leaves papa, mamma and one brother, Raymond, besides grandparents, uncles and aunts and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

## REV. JACOBES DIED HERE

Rev. C. A. Jacobes of Holland, who has been visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. W. Creaser, for the past few weeks, died here last day of the old year, at the age of 78 years. The body was taken to Holland on Tuesday for burial. Rev. Jacobes had been a prominent Michigan minister for many years in the Methodist denomination, and had held many pastorates throughout the state. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. P. W. Creaser of Alma.

## JANUARY SALES

The value of Alma Record advertising is being shown by the way Alma business houses are using the pages of the Record in advertising their January sales. Last week Mrs. Gaffey carried a page on her big January sale, and this week W. S. Proud and D. W. Robinson announce their big January sales with page advertisements. These three page advertisements appear exclusively in the Alma Record.

## HAS REPUBLIC DISPATCH

The H. B. Hough Hardware is the second local firm to purchase one of the famous Republic Dispatch trucks. The Dispatch is a light delivery truck with a capacity of 1,500 pounds, which will be a big aid in the delivery work of this hardware.

## AN ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Francis King announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances, to Howell Lewis Heid of Grand Rapids, Michigan, formerly of Baltimore, Maryland.

## POULTRY SHOW A BIG SUCCESS

Many Varieties of Chickens Were Displayed at the Gratiot Exhibit.

## SPECIAL PRIZES ARE GIVEN

Alma Owners With Many Birds in the Competition Take the Most Prizes.

The Gratiot County Poultry show, which was held in the Ford garage from December 28 to January 1, inclusive, was one of the best that has ever been held here, the exhibits this year being far better than in the past. Local poultry owners won most of the prizes that were offered for prize birds, the annual show having stimulated local owners to improve their exhibits each and every year. In a couple of the classes many birds were on display.

Following will be found the complete list of prize winners of the show this year:

Barded Rocks, Cockerel Bred.

F. E. Boyd, Alma—First cock; first, second, third and fourth hen; second and third pullet.

A. R. Smith, Alma—First cockerel; first pullet.

Bared Rock, Pullet Bred.

Frank Littwiller, Middleton—First hen; first pullet.

F. E. Boyd, Alma—Second and third hen.

White Rocks.

F. E. Boyd, Alma—First cock; first and second cockerel; first, second and third hen; first, second and third pullet; first and second pen. Special prize for best cockerel in American class.

Buff Rocks.

Harrie Willard, Alma—First cock; first cockerel; first, second and third hen; first, second and third pullet; first pen.

White Orpingtons.

E. C. Crandal, Ionia—Fourth cock; first cockerel.

Harrie Willard, Alma—Third and fifth cockerel; second, fourth and fifth hen; first, fourth and fifth pullet.

A. R. Smith, Alma—First, second and third cock; second cockerel; first, third and fifth hen; second and third pullet; first and second pen. Special prize best hen on entire show.

Buff Orpingtons.

Andrew Shaw, Alma—First and second cockerel; first and second hen; first, second, third and fourth pullet; first pen.

Black Orpingtons.

R. D. Bradford, Alma—First and second cockerel; first and second pullet; first and second hen; first pen.

Blue Orpingtons.

Harrie Willard, Alma—First and second cockerel. Special prize best cockerel in English class.

Rhode Island Reds.

F. I. Littwiller, Middleton—First cock; first cockerel; first hen; first pullet.

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Fred Gorman, Ionia—First cockerel; second and third pullet.

Dewey Parks, Riverdale—First pen.

Black Minorcas, Single Comb.

Carrie Boyer, Elwell—First pen.

Buff Leghorns.

Andrew Shaw, Alma—First cockerel; first and second pullet.